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The Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and great in mercy. The Lord is good to all, and His tender mercies are over all His works.—Psalm 145:8-9.

Gracious God, who gives us so much more than we deserve in blessings and withholds what we deserve for our lack of faithfulness and obedience, we praise You for Your loving kindness and mercy. With a fresh realization of Your unqualified grace to us, we recognize our need to be to the people of our lives what You have been to us and to give mercy as we have received it so generously from You. We think of people who need our forgiveness, another chance, encouragement, and affirmation. Often we punish people with our purgatorial pouts, leaving them to wonder about what they can do to regain our approval. Dear Father, help us to be agents of reconciliation and renewal. May grace overcome our grudges and joy diffuse our judgments. May this be a day of new beginnings in which we are initiative in reaching out to one another in genuine friendship. We ask Your blessing and power upon this Senate, particularly today with the multiplicity of votes ahead. Guide and direct, O great God. In the name of Jesus who taught us how to love You and to love one another. Amen.

PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY, WORK OPPORTUNITY, AND MEDICAID RESTRUCTURING ACT OF 1996

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DEWINE). The clerk will report the bill. The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1956) to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 202(a) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1997.

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

Pending:

Faircloth amendment No. 4905, to prohibit recruitment activities in SSI outreach programs, demonstration projects, and other administrative activities.

Harkin amendment No. 4916, to strike section 1253, relating to child nutrition requirements.

D'Amato amendment No. 4927, to require welfare recipients to participate in gainful community service.

Exon (for Simon) amendment No. 4928, to increase the number of adults and to extend the period of time in which educational training activities may be counted as work.

Feinstein/Boxer amendment No. 4929, to provide that the ban on supplemental security income benefits apply to those aliens entering the country on or after the enactment of this bill.

Chafee amendment No. 4931, to maintain current eligibility standards for Medicaid and provide additional State flexibility.

Roth amendment No. 4932 (to amendment No. 4931), to maintain the eligibility for Medicaid for any individual who is receiving Medicaid based on their receipt of AFDC, foster care or adoption assistance, and to provide transitional Medicaid for families moving from welfare to work.

Chafee amendment No. 4933 (to amendment No. 4931), to maintain current eligibility standards for Medicaid and provide additional State flexibility.

Conrad amendment No. 4934, to eliminate the State food assistance block grant.

Santorum (for Gramm) amendment No. 4935, to deny welfare benefits to individuals convicted of illegal drug possession, use or distribution.

Graham amendment No. 4936, to modify the formula for determining a State family assistance grant to include the number of children in poverty residing in a State.

Helms amendment No. 4930, to strengthen food stamp work requirements.

Graham (for Simon) amendment No. 4938, to preserve eligibility of immigrants for programs of student assistance under the Public Health Service Act.

Shelby amendment No. 4939, to provide a refundable credit for adoption expenses and

to exclude from gross income employee and military adoption assistance benefits and withdrawals from IRA's for certain adoption expenses.

Ford amendment No. 4940, to allow States the option to provide non-cash assistance to children after the 5-year time limit, as provided in conference report number 104-430 to H.R. 4, (Family Self-Sufficiency Act).

Ashcroft amendment No. 4941, to set a time limit of 24 consecutive months for TANF assistance and allows States to sanction recipients if minors do not attend school.

Ashcroft amendment No. 4942 (to amendment No. 4941), to provide that a family may not receive TANF assistance for more than 24 consecutive months at a time unless an adult in the family is working or a State exempts an adult in the family from working for reasons of hardship.

Ashcroft amendment No. 4943 (to amendment No. 4941), to provide that a State may sanction a family's TANF assistance if the family includes an adult who fails to ensure that their minor dependent children attend school.

Ashcroft amendment No. 4944 (to amendment No. 4941), to provide that a State may sanction a family's TANF assistance if the family includes an adult who does not have, or is not working toward attaining a secondary school diploma or its recognized equivalent.

Dorgan amendment No. 4948, to strike provisions relating to the Indian child care set aside.

Ford (for Murray) amendment No. 4950, to strike section 1206, relating to the summer food service program for children.

Graham amendment No. 4952, to strike additional penalties for consecutive failure to satisfy minimum participation rates.

Exon (for Kennedy) amendment No. 4955, to permit assistance to be provided to needy or disabled legal immigrant children when sponsors cannot provide reimbursement.

Exon (for Kennedy) amendment No. 4956, to allow a 2-year implementation period under the Medicaid program for implementation of the attribution of sponsor's income and the 5-year ban.

Mr. EXON. Mr. President, I hope that the Chair at this time will advise the Senate of the procedures agreed to. As I understand the procedures, we will have a series of 24 or more rollcall

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